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Ronald D. Vitiello, Deputy Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Department of Homeland Security
500 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Deputy Director Vitiello:

The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is requesting to participate in the Delegation of Immigration Authority Program pursuant to Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended. Participation in this program will allow FDC to better serve the residents of the State of Florida and the U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE), a component agency of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

This program will allow FDC to enter-into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with ICE to identify and process criminal aliens who may pose a risk to public safety in Florida. In its partnership with ICE, FDC will use its best efforts to establish a 287(g) program at Northwest Florida Reception Center (NWFRC) in Chipley, Florida, and to identify and train approximately five (5) correctional officers as Designated Immigration Officers (DIO).

FDC awaits your response to this request to participate in the Delegation of Immigration Authority Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Comerford at (850)717-3037 or Todd Sharpe at (850)717-3330, who have been tasked with establishing this program.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Inch
Secretary